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### COCKTAIL PARTY

WEDNESDAY, November 21 --- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway  
5:30 to 7:30 PM—Admission: Members \$1, Guests \$1.50

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### TEN YEARS IN A SOVIET PRISON CAMP

By ELINOR LIPPER

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Arrested in 1938 for alleged "counter-revolutionary activities", this Belgian-born former Communist was sentenced (without trial) to a forced-labor camp in the gold mining region of Kolyma in Siberia. Finally released after long delays in 1948, she was repatriated to Switzerland and now works for the Iron Curtain Refugee Committee headed by General Carl Spaatz, USAF, red.

What is life really like in these secrecy-shrouded camps? Does the outside world know the story? Have any Americans ever witnessed the tortures that go on in them? To answer these questions and others, this Swiss woman will relate her experiences and the plight of the prison-camp refugees today.

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### OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, November 22 -- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway  
From 10:30 AM --- Admission Free to Members and Children

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Once again, as the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade winds its way down Broadway and through Times Square, the Overseas Press Club throws open its doors to Members and their children. From the vantage point of the Club's fourth-floor Headquarters at Times Square's north point, an excellent view of the parade may be enjoyed. Accommodations, however, are limited to available window space. Please mail or telephone your reservations at once.

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LELAND STOWE the subject of a "Shop Talk at Thirty" piece in the November 10 Editor & Publisher -- based on a survey the Nashville Tennessean made as a result of STOWE's charge during a lecture that American newspaper readers were not being well informed on events in Iron Curtain countries ... Past President LOWELL THOMAS emceed a reunion of pioneer air commandos led by British General Orde Wingate on his regular CBS news show November 14. Greystone Press on November 16 publishes his newest book, "Back to Mandalay", an adventure story of the airborne invasion of Burma during World War II ...

The Overseas Press Club extends condolences to JOHN MARTINCO, whose mother, Mrs. Ellen Martinco, died in Pittsburgh ... H. V. KALTENBORN and HAL BOYLE guested on NBC-TV's "Who Said That?" show on November 12 ... CBS commentator LARRY LESUEUR lectured November 7 at the Lighthouse of the New York Association for the Blind...

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Former March of Time producer RICHARD DE ROCHEMONT is partner in a new television production firm, "Adventures in Living", which will present a documentary film series based on real-life stories as published in leading magazines. DE ROCHEMONT will produce the series ... The first "News-Magazine of Television", starring EDWARD R. MURROW, begins on the CBS network December 1. MURROW, incidentally, was granted an exclusive interview by General Eisenhower before the latter left Paris to confer with President Truman. The SHAPE commander suggested it would be helpful "to promote and develop a campaign which might be labeled 'Let Ike Alone'" ...

MRS. WILLIAM OATIS SAVES COPIES OF OPC'S BULLETIN FOR HUSBAND TO READ LATER

Weekly copies of the Overseas Press Club Bulletin are going into a special scrapbook which Mrs. William N. Oatis is keeping for her AP correspondent-husband to read when he is released from a Czechoslovak prison. Mrs. Oatis was placed on the Club's mailing list when she acknowledged an offer from the OPC to send Oatis The Bulletin as an aid to his morale. "I'm sure my husband would receive immeasurable moral support if he could read of your efforts (to effect his release)", she wrote. "I am almost equally sure just such information would never get into his hands."

Mrs. Oatis then added that she is "struggling to maintain as comprehensive a scrapbook as possible for my husband's later enjoyment and reference". From her home in St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. Oatis also write that "one of the most distressing facets of this entire situation, to me, is the fact that my husband must have no idea whatsoever of the wholehearted backing of everyone -- from the State Department, his profession and individuals throughout the free world."

The cause of freeing Oatis from the prison where he is serving a 10-year term for alleged espionage is being furthered by the Club's Freedom of Press and Information Committee.

BEN GRAUER recently recorded a series of radio appeals for the Muscular Dystrophy Association ... Joining the OPC contingent at Look magazine is LEE SILVIAN, who leaves the American Broadcasting Company this week to become the mag's entertainment editor ...

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE: Kenneth Larry Lowenstein, Benton & Bowles, Inc. North Ireland, England, France, and Germany, 1943 to 1945, as 8th Air Force unit correspondent, the Stars & Stripes (ETO). Proposed by RALPH H. MAJOR, JR; seconded by CHARLES ROBBINS.

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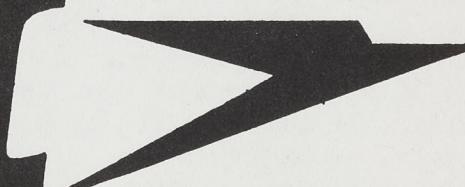
Commentator H. V. KALTENBORN to narrate "Background to Trouble", an NBC-TV half-hour interpretation of the Middle East on November 16. Show will take televiewers on a behind-the-scenes trip to the Suez Canal, the pyramids of Egypt, oil-rich Iran and through Israel to Jordan and on to Pakistan ... Long Island station WGSM's five-a-week, 10-minute show, "GWEN JONES -- Home News Editor", has been upped to 25 minutes. She reports receipt of fan mail signed, "Ex-Godfrey Listeners" ... Newly-appointed public relations director for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and editor of its magazine, American Judaism, is DAVID RESNICK; he'll also remain head of his own PR firm ...

OUR PRIZE-WINNING COLLEAGUES: President JOHN DALY last week received a Sylvania Television Award for "excellence as a moderator or master of ceremonies" on his ABC and CBS shows. The award, established to "aid in raising the standards of television programs", was presented to President DALY at a dinner in New York's Hotel Pierre November 8 ...  
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LEWIS B. SEBRING, JR., ex-New York Herald Tribune, has just finished directing a centennial celebration for his church, the Second Reformed in Schenectady, N.Y., which has been widely acclaimed as one of the best historical events held in the city in recent years. In connection with it, SEBRING prepared and published a 32-page centennial booklet which was cited for its historical information and typographical excellence. He is still editing the Union College alumni magazine in Schenectady ... Back from a public relations assignment in Boston is ELLISEVA SAYERS; papers there devoted more space to her than to her client -- including a three-column story in the Boston Post and mention in Ted Ashby's Boston Globe column ...

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"--And a Voice Shall Be Heard", a film produced by the March of Time and directed by JACK GLENN, will be shown at the Screen Directors Guild's Sixth Public Film Forum to be held at the Museum of Modern Art November 29 ... The "JONES Boys" -- NBC-TV's twin-brother cameraman team, EUGENE and CHARLES -- are subject of a profile by James Winchester in the November True ... The AP's veteran war correspondent HAL BOYLE to return to Korea December 12 on a three-week look-see ... NED E. NORDNESS has returned from Norway, where he was deputy chief of the ECA Special Mission, and has assumed a new post as general manager of the ECA's Office of Information in Washington ...

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RED FACE DEPARTMENT: The accidental deletion of an entire line from Page 4 of the November 10 Bulletin resulted in the erroneous statement that EDWARD HUNTER's new book, "Brain-Washing in Red China", was published by the Foreign Policy Association. The Editor regrets this error ... Correcting an item in the November 10 "Vienna Dateline" department, the Associated Press reports that Dick O'Regan has not been transferred to London, but is in the U.S. on leave; Kurt Hampe is sitting in for him in Vienna...

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\* SINGAPORE "LISTENERS" \*  
\* GET MURROW NEWSCASTS \*  
\* VIA SPECIAL DISPATCH \*  
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EDWARD R. MURROW'S CBS newscasts now reach the American colony in Singapore via a special arrangement requested by Mr. and Mrs. George O. Burns -- and thereby hangs a tale. Mr. and Mrs. Burns went to Singapore from Cleveland, where listening to MURROW had been a nightly habit. When they moved to the Orient, they missed MURROW, so wrote and asked if it were possible to get scripts of his broadcasts. That was specially arranged, and brought this note of appreciation from MURROW enthusiasts there: "We have received the first copies of your radio script and have enjoyed them immensely. We have circulated them among the American community in Singapore, where they are certainly appreciated. After circulation, the scripts end up in the reading room of the American Club here."

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\*\* THE OVERSEAS TICKER \*\*  
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LONDON DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- London was loaded with visiting U.S. correspondents during the recent British General Election campaign. There were so many here that, when the Association of American Correspondents threw a cocktail party on Election Day eve to welcome them, the Dorchester fairly swarmed with old familiar faces from the U.S. and capitals on the Continent. Here's a by-no-means-complete list: Waldo Drake of the Los Angeles Times, John F. Day, Louisville Courier-Journal and EDWIN L. HAAKER of NBC, all came over from Frankfurt...

David Anderson flew all the way from Chicago for the Sun-Times; REILMAN (Pat) MORIN checked in to do some special pieces en route to the General Assembly meeting in Paris (He's AP's roving correspondent). The Collier's feature team of Sy Friedin, WILLIAM ATTWOOD and Bob Shaplen came over en masse from Paris; STEVE WHITE of Look was here briefly before leaving Paris for New York, where he's been named assistant managing editor for articles. Jim O'Donnell of the Satevepost was an early arrival on a British political story, returning to his Riviera home a couple of weeks before election day, there to greet holidayers Art Noyes of Stars & Stripes and LARRY RUE of the Chicago Tribune, both from Frankfurt ...

ANNE O'HARE MCCORMICK and Cy Sulzberger arrived to augment the New York Times staff, from New York and Paris respectively; EDWARD R. MURROW of CBS, an old London hand, over to help Howard K. Smith, bureau chief, as did CBS editor-in-chief Welles Church; Bill Cassidy arrived to give a hand to his London man, ROMNEY WHEELER ...

Two days after the election there was quite a gathering of the journalistic clan in the Paris flat of ONA's European chief, Theodore White, at a reception following the wedding that morning of Bob Kleiman of U.S. News & World Report and an American artist in Paris, Jane Eakin, who originally cam here for Look ... Among those glimpsed there were DAVID SCHONBRUN of CBS, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT LUBAR of Time and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leiser of ONA, all four of whom travelled from Germany for the occasion. (Bridegroom Kleiman had worked in Frankfurt for more than two years before his transfer to Paris.)

Also on hand at the reception: Bob Capa, Irwin Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Trabant and Mr. and Mrs. WALTER T. RIDDER of ECA in Paris; PRESTON GROVER, AP's Paris Bureau Chief; Mr. and Mrs. John Kenkinsson, Dave Zeitlin and Lee Eitisionen of Life (as also Lee's husband, Bernie Frizell, ex-Time correspondent who's writing a novel); DAVE RICHARDSON of Time's London bureau. Next day Teddy White flew to New York for consultations with his home office... (Cont'd-Page 5)

HERE AND THERE: Jack Fox has recently been made UP's London bureau chief ... Andre Laguerre, former chief of Time's Paris bureau and more recently its special correspondent in Europe, has just been appointed the magazine's London bureau chief. Here to cover the long-awaited opening here of "South Pacific" was Art Buchwald, whose column, "Paris After Dark" in the Paris Trib (a swell column and one of the paper's brightest features) has made him a sort of Earl Wilson of the Continent. Glimpsed at the "South Pacific" opening were Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Parsons, Jr. (formerly editor of the Paris Trib, he has headed NATO's PR setup for about a year now). Also Mr. and Mrs. Bud Whiting of AP.

HONG KONG DATELINE:-- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Communist slander and threats of violence against anyone they dislike in Hong Kong -- while insisting on every legal protection themselves-- are finally being put to a court test in the British colony. Chang Kuo-sin, author of "Eight Months Behind the Bamboo Curtain" (published here) and a full-time UP correspondent, is demanding HK \$50,000 (U.S.\$8000) and a public apology from the Communist daily, Wen Wei Pao, its editor, Nieh Kan-nu and the Ta Ch'ien Printing Company.

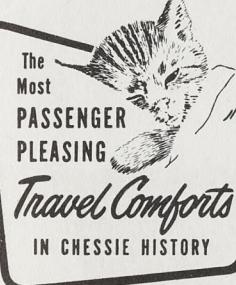
Red publications -- from magazines and books to newspapers and pamphlets -- have been making every conceivable charge against persons staying in Hong Kong. Chinese writers and intellectuals from the mainland who dare speak out against Communism are main targets of this pressure, which extends from printed threats to the purging of relatives and friends still in Red China.

So long as these slanders are not printed in English, but only in Chinese, the British authorities take no action. As Hong Kong's population is 99 percent Chinese, this fools only those who read just English.

Chang charges in his writ that a "smear campaign" has been conducted against him ever since he came from Red China, where he was employed as a correspondent for U.S. newspapers. He has been accused of bribery, treason and falsifying news "for pay by American imperialists". The editor of the Wen Wei Pai even assailed him by name in a book titled, "Chang Kuo-sin, Who Should Die." Last straw was attack on Chang following his coverage of the rival Communist and Nationalist celebrations in Hong Kong on October 1 and 10 respectively. Chang is only able to take this action because he has no relatives left in Red China. He is the central figure in Communist attacks because his reports have much influence on overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia.-- (EDWARD HUNTER).

From SAIGON, VIETNAM, comes an "Overseas Ticker" contribution from JOHN DONOVAN, who is there with the Special Technical and Economic Mission of the U.S. to Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam ... "Graham Green, British author-correspondent, was subjected to a lot of rubber-necking here last week, as the Time cover story arrived while he was in Saigon. Time readers checked their description of him and came to the conclusion that Time's story was a bit severe. He doesn't look seedy out here, nor has anyone seen his hump -- referred to in the Time piece... .

"Jack Dowling of Time, in North Vietnam making a tour of French-Vietnamese defenses... . Seymour Topping's replacement, Larry Allen, old-time AP man, arrived in town from Singapore and is banging away on the local scene ... Till Durdin of the New York Times and wife, Peggy, expected in town soon" ... Thanks!



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Confidence that there will not be another outbreak between Israel and the Arab world was expressed by James F. McDonald, first U.S. Ambassador to Israel, at a Hotel Warwick luncheon November 8. The author of "My Mission to Israel" also commented that, in his opinion, Russia was not especially looking to create an incident in that area.

Arabs must face the fact, Mr. McDonald said, that Israel is there to stay. Real enemy of the Middle East, he continued, is Moslem fanaticism.

The Ambassador was introduced by A. WILFRED MAY, executive editor of the Commercial & Financial Chronicle, who briefly discussed Israel's strained economy and its financial problems. Gershon Agron, editor-publisher of the Palestine Post, stated that Arab leaders know they are talking nonsense when they threaten a pact with Moscow: "The Arabs now own the country; that would not be so with Russia". Mr. Agron had high praise for Britain's cooperative attitude toward Israel.

GUEST BOOK: Israeli consul general Arie Ben-Tovim, Geraldine Hill of Newsweek's London bureau (guest of Maj. WILLIAM ORMEROD), VICTOR KNAUTH, EMIL LENGYEL, DAVID RESNICK, ADRIENNE DOUGLASS, GEROLD FRANK, GERTRUDE SAMUELS, DR. J. O. Ronall, Israel vice consul, ALVIN ROSENFIELD, JOSEF DINE, ROBERT GRAFF and ELMER BORSUK, to whom The Bulletin is grateful for this report.

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BOAC CHIEF SEES JET FLIGHTS )  
AVAILABLE FOR U.S. IN MARCH; )  
ENVISIONS LOWER ONE-WAY FARES )

By March of 1952 jet transportation and standardized tourist fares to Europe will be fact rather than fancy. That was the word given to 70 OPC Members and their guests by Sir Miles Thomas, Board Chairman of British Overseas Airways Corporation

and president of the International Air Transport Association, at a Toots Shor's luncheon on November 14.

The BOAC's de Havilland Comet, Sir Miles said, would introduce a new era into civil aviation when it begins a London-to-Cairo schedule by April 1. The aircraft, result of three years testing among jet planes, will "not only reduce the world in size by half in terms of time due to the speed of the aircraft, but the fatigue factor of flying would be virtually eliminated." Sir Miles also commented that BOAC hopes that agreement will be reached by IATA members to reduce cost of one-way trans-Atlantic passage to about \$266.

Among those present were: new Member ANSEL TALBERT, New York Herald Tribune aviation editor; Chat Burger of CBS; Richard Cooke, Wall Street Journal; Elmer Walzer, United Press; ALBERT CROCKETT, Newsweek's GORDON HAMILTON, Past Presidents BURNET HERSHY and LOUIS P. LOCHNER; ERNIE PRINCE and GEORGE H. LYON. VeePee BILL GRAY presided. Program Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH introduced the speaker.

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